to the final control of Government, the final authority on the matter of fact as to whether in a particular case a certain amount of water is adequate or is essential to the irrigation. This matter is settled in 99 cases out of 100 by the deputy tahsildar exactly in the same way as in land encroachments. If, as it may sometimes happen, there is a particularly hard case, this Bill does not prohibit anybody from addressing the Government. The Government, if it sees fit to do so, as it may in land encroachment cases, call for papers and so on. It does not take away from the Government the power of control over its subordinates in any way. I stated I think that since I have been here, I have heard no case of that kind. But a case under the Land Encroachment Act concerned with a temple did arise. In matters of this kind we have to go upon the reports of the local authorities. We got a report from the Collector concerned and on that report, without going to the place and seeing the encroachment, we passed orders. That is all that is happening now. Exactly the same thing will happen hereafter. An hon. Member said that if there is no work here, why unnecessarily meddle with the existing Act? That argument will cut both ways. Why should unnecessary legislation remain on the statute book?"

The Hon. Mr. G. T. H. Bracken:—"I second it."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

V.—A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE INDIAN REGISTRATION ACT, 1908, IN ITS APPLICATION TO THE PRESIDENCY OF MADRAS FOR A CERTAIN PURPOSE (BILL No. 18 OF 1935).

* The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Sir, I introduce a Bill [a] further to amend the Indian Registration Act, 1908, in its application to the Presidency of Madras for a certain purpose (Bill No. 18 of 1935) and move that the Bill be taken into consideration at once. In doing so, it is needless for me to detain the House long. Sub-sections (2) and (4) of section 89 of the Indian Registration Act, 1908, require that certificates of sale of immovable property granted by courts and Revenue officers should be sent to the registering officer and that he should file them in his Book No. 1. Under the present Bill it is proposed to extend the same provision in so far as certificates of sale granted by officers of the Madras Co-operative department under section 17 of the Madras Co-operative Land Mortgage Banks Act, 1934 and under the rules made under the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, 1932 are concerned. The intention of the Bill is to ensure the completeness and continuity of the record of title to immovable property kept in registration offices. I hope the House will accept the Bill."

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"I second it."

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The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 1 and 2 were put and carried.

The Preamble was put and carried.

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" Mr. President, I move that the Bill be passed into law."

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I second it."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Mr. President, Sir, I have to congratulate the Hon. Minister for choosing a Bill on which there is not even one Member to speak. It is a unique honour for the Hon. the Second Minister. With these few words I resume my seat. (Laughter.) "

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

VI.—MOTION *RE* SECOND REPORT OF THE MADRAS DELIMITATION COMMITTEE.

* The Hon. Mr. G. T. H. BRACKEN:—" Mr. President, I rise to move the motion that stands in my name—

> '*that the Second Report of the Madras Delimitation Committee be taken into consideration.*'

" I do not propose to detain the House with a long speech, but I shall just make a few remarks by way of introduction. The House has now before it the original memorandum of the Government, the first Report of the Delimitation Committee, the provisional conclusions of the Government and the Second Report of the Delimitation Committee. Hon. Members will see that the final proposals or the Second Report of the Delimitation Committee and the provisional conclusions of the Government are not very far apart except on questions of detail. Whatever view we may take of the recommendations of the Delimitation Committee, I think every one will agree that the Delimitation Committee has spent an immense amount of time and taken an immense amount of trouble in connexion with this Report, and I think that the thanks of the Government and of the House are due to Mr. Muthayya Mudaliyar and to the Members of the Committee and of the sub-committees who have given so much of their time to this very important work. (' Hear, hear.')

" I would just like to say one word on the constitution of the Delimitation Committee which has come in for a certain amount of criticism in certain quarters. The Delimitation Committee is, in a manner of speaking, a continuation of the Franchise Committee and therefore the Government thought it proper to continue as many members as possible of the Franchise Committee. At the same time, as

* Copies printed separately were circulated to Members.